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- Cross References to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **1**]
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Title: SPRAY APPLICATOR BELT HOOK

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## SPECIFICATION

Descriptive Title: Spray Applicator Belt Hook

Related Applications: (Annexure A & B) Australian application number 475/1999

Brief Summary: The spray applicator belt hook is for use in conjunction with spray applicator bottles. These bottles are usually of 500ml or 1lt capacity; usually contain a chemical or liquid substance for use in cleaning or gardening whereby the belt hook allows the user to carry the spray bottle on their belt when not in use.

Description of Drawing: (Annexure C) Provided are three views of the Belt Hook showing all necessary aspects and depicted life-size 1:1. The model as illustrated is a left hand unit and while left and right handed models will be manufactured, it is assumed that a right hand model would constitute an obvious adaptation not needing protection by patent.

Detailed Description: The Belt Hook will be made of polypropylene through a process using an injection mould. The dimensions are as follows: Body length; 117mm, body width; 21mm, Rest width; 20mm, rest guard length; 30mm, rest angle to body; 25 degrees, material thickness; 3mm.

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**SPRAY APPLICATOR BELT HOOK**

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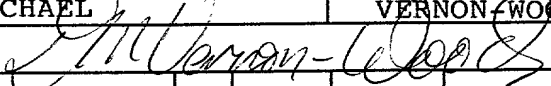
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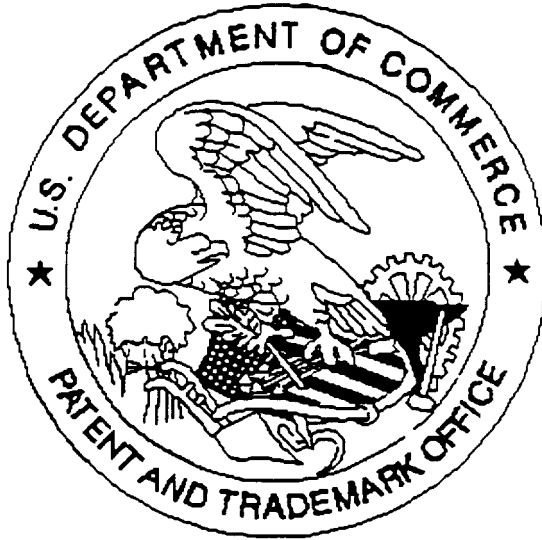
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